

Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein). That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

“ARTICLE —

“SECTION 1. Every citizen of the United States, who is of legal voting age, shall have the fundamental right to vote in any public election held in the jurisdiction in which the citizen resides.

“SECTION 2. The fundamental right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State or political subdivision within a State unless such denial or abridgment is in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest.

“SECTION 3. The portion of section 2 of the fourteenth article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States that consists of the phrase ‘or other crime,’ is repealed.

“SECTION 4. The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article and protect against any denial or abridgement of the fundamental right to vote by legislation.”.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 6526. Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. PAUL, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. HAWLEY, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LEE, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. LANKFORD) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 7776, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes.

SA 6527. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 7776, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 6528. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 7776, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 6529. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 6513 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. MANCHIN) to the bill H.R. 7776, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 6530. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 6513 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. MANCHIN) to the bill H.R. 7776, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 6531. Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. MORAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 7776, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 6532. Mr. MARSHALL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 7776, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 6533. Mr. MARSHALL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 7776, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 6534. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1437, to amend the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017 to direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide comprehensive and regularly updated Federal precipitation information, and for other purposes.

SA 6535. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to amendment SA 6534 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill H.R. 1437, supra.

SA 6536. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1437, supra.

SA 6537. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to amendment SA 6536 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill H.R. 1437, supra.

SA 6538. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to amendment SA 6537 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the amendment SA 6536 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill H.R. 1437, supra.

SA 6539. Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. YOUNG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 7776, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 6540. Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. BRAUN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1437, to amend the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017 to direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide comprehensive and regularly updated Federal precipitation information, and for other purposes.

SA 6541. Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. JOHNSON) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1437, supra.

SA 6542. Mr. KING (for Mr. BARRASSO) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3957, to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to make certain activities eligible for grants from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund, and for other purposes.

SA 6543. Mr. KING (for Mr. SCOTT of Florida) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 688, to prohibit contracting with persons that have business operations with the Maduro regime, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 6526. Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. PAUL, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. HAWLEY, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LEE, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. LANKFORD) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 7776, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes; as follows:

Insert after section 525 the following:

SEC. 525A. REMEDIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES DISCHARGED OR SUBJECT TO PUNISHMENT UNDER THE COVID-19 VACCINE MANDATE.

(a) **LIMITATION ON IMPOSITION OF NEW MANDATE.**—The Secretary of Defense may not issue any COVID-19 vaccine mandate as a replacement for the rescinded mandates under this Act absent a further act of Congress expressly authorizing a replacement mandate.

(b) **REMEDIES.**—Section 736 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 1161 note prec.) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “TO OBEY LAWFUL ORDER TO RECEIVE” and inserting “TO RECEIVE”;

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “a lawful order” and inserting “an order”; and

(B) by striking “shall be” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “shall be an honorable discharge.”;

(3) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (e); and

(4) by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsections:

“(b) **PROHIBITION ON ADVERSE ACTION.**—The Secretary of Defense may not take any adverse action against a covered member based solely on the refusal of such member to receive a vaccine for COVID-19.

“(c) **REMEDIES AVAILABLE FOR A COVERED MEMBER DISCHARGED OR PUNISHED BASED ON COVID-19 STATUS.**—At the election of a covered member and upon application through a process established by the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary shall—

“(1) adjust to ‘honorable discharge’ the status of the member if—

“(A) the member was separated from the Armed Forces based solely on the failure of the member to obey an order to receive a vaccine for COVID-19; and

“(B) the discharge status of the member would have been an ‘honorable discharge’ but for the refusal to obtain such vaccine;

“(2) reinstate the member to service at the highest grade held by the member immediately prior to the involuntary separation, allowing, however, for any demotion that was not related to the member’s COVID-19 vaccination status, with an effective date of reinstatement as of the date of involuntary separation;

“(3) for any member who was subject to any punishment other than involuntary separation based solely on the member’s COVID-19 vaccination status—

“(A) restore the member to the highest grade held prior to such punishment, allowing, however, for any demotion that was not related to the member’s COVID-19 vaccination status, with an effective date of reinstatement as of the date of involuntary separation; and

“(B) compensate such member for any pay and benefits lost as a result of such punishment;

“(4) expunge from the service record of the member any reference to any adverse action based solely on COVID-19 status, including involuntary separation; and

“(5) include the time of involuntary separation of the member reinstated under paragraph (2) in the computation of the retired or retainer pay of the member.

“(d) **ATTEMPT TO AVOID DISCHARGE.**—The Secretary of Defense shall make every effort to retain members of the Armed Forces who are not vaccinated against COVID-19.”.

(c) **IMMEDIATE RESCISSION OF MANDATE.**—Notwithstanding the deadline provided for in section 525, the rescission of the COVID-19 mandate shall take effect immediately.

SA 6527. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 7776, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end add the following:

SEC. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect on the date that is 7 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

SA 6528. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 7776, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows: